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FORMER KC POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO MAIL FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Kansas City, Mo., police officer pleaded guilty in federal court today to a scheme to collect insurance on a fraudulent stolen car claim.

Michael J. Galley, 37, of Kansas City, waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to a federal information that charges him with mail fraud. **Galley** was an officer with the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department at the time of the offense.

By pleading guilty today, **Galley** admitted that he defrauded Progressive Insurance Company between March and June 21, 2004, by falsely claiming that his car was stolen. **Galley** caused his 2004 Dodge Intrepid to be driven to Kansas City, Kan., and destroyed, then submitted a false claim on April 27, 2004. As part of the scheme, **Galley** mailed an affidavit stating the basis for his claim on May 2, 2004, causing a loss of approximately \$18,000.

Under federal statutes, **Galley** could be subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000 and an order of restitution. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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